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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroshi TONOIKE

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

Application No.: 09/818,583

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filing Date: March 28, 2001

Attorney Dkt. No.: 107424-00025

For: METHOD FOR SYNTHESIS OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: August 3, 2001

Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for four months for response to the outstanding Notice to Comply dated May 3, 2001 from July 3, 2001 to August 3, 2001. Attached is our check in the amount of One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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